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WAS FIVE WEEKS GETTING HERE

Newfoundland Sch. Gertrude Had Hard Passage—Had to Jettison Part Cargo.

The Newfoundland sch. Gertrude, Capt. Matthews for whose safety some fears have been entertained, arrived here yesterday from St. Lawrence, N. F., with 250,000 salt cod for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

The Gertrude had a stormy and tempestuous passage being five weeks on her way here. While coming across the Gulf, the captain was obliged to jettison 90 quintals of cured cod on account of a heavy gale which overtook the craft.

Another arrival here this morning is sch. Monitor, Capt. James McDonald from Rose Blanche, N. F., with a cargo of 250,000 pounds of salt cod and 116 quintals cured cod also for the company.

Sch. Senator Gardner one of the Newfoundland herring fleet brings a cargo of 1300 barrels salt herring and 100 barrels pickled herring for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company. The craft was 10 days on her passage home.

The largest trip brought in here since the gill netting fleet started operations was landed by steamer Enterprise, which weighed off 35,000 pounds of fresh fish, mostly pollock. Most of the gill netters did well yesterday and Saturday, the greater part of the receipts being pollock. On account of the low market on pollock at Boston the past few days, nearly all the trips sold to the splitters to salt.

Three Maine cargoes of cured fish are also here this morning, schs. Lillian, Sadie A. Kimball and Enterprise being consigned to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Alice, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Eagle, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 2700 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Nomad, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Venture, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Philomena, gill netting, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Hope, gill netting, 8400 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Ethel, gill netting, 17,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Mary L., gill netting, 4600 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Geisha, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Nashawena, gill netting, 18,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Harold, gill netting, 6500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Mystery, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. R. J. Kellick, gill netting, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 17,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Monitor, Rose Blanche, N. F., 250,000 lbs. salt cod, 116 qtls. cured cod.
Sch. Gertrude, St. Lawrence, N. F., 250,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Senator Gardner, Bonne Bay, N. F., 1300 bbls. salt herring, 100 bbls. pickled herring.
Sch. Lillian, South West Harbor, cured fish.
Sch. Sadie A. Kimball, Rockland, cured fish.
Sch. Enterprise, Swan's Island, cured fish.

Saturday's Gill Netting Arrivals.

Str. Quady, gill netting, 8300 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 13,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Minora, gill netting, 2600 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Roub Rider, gill netting, 3700 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 3700 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Nomad, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 11,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Hugo, gill netting, 4500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Anna T., gill netting, 4100 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Mary L., gill netting, 2400 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Geisha, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Nashawena, gill netting, 21,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Little Fannie, gill netting, 13,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Harold, gill netting, 3200 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Mystery, gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. R. J. Kellick, gill netting, 14,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Bessie M. Dugan, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Lorena, gill netting, 1975 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 13,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$4.25, medium, \$3.75, snappers, \$2.75.
Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.50 per cwt.; medium, \$4.62 1-2 snappers, \$3.25.
Eastern halibut codfish, large \$4.50; mediums, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.
Dory handlining codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.12 1-2; snappers, \$3.50.
Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.
Drift codfish, large, \$4.25; mediums, \$3.62 1-2.
Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.
Pollock, \$1.50.
Hake, \$1.50.
Haddock, \$1.50.
Large salt mackerel, \$25 per bbl.
Fletched halibut, 10c per lb.
Salt herring, \$3.50 per bbl.
Pickled herring, \$4.50 per bbl.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.
Eastern cod, large, \$2.10; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.
Western cod, large, \$2.15; mediums, \$1.80; snappers, 75c.
All codfish not gilled 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.
Hake, \$1.15.
Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.
Dressed pollock, 80c; round 90c.
Bank halibut, 17c lb. for white and for gray.
Fresh herring, \$1 per bbl. to salt; \$2 per bbl. for bait.
Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.75 per cwt.

COONEY STILL THE KING PIN

Sch. Emilia Enos, Capt. Frank Cooney which arrived at Pensacola a few days ago from her second trip to the snapper grounds, had over 50,000 snappers and 14,000 groupers, the largest single fare ever landed at that port. As a result of her trip, the craft stocked \$2100. Capt. Cooney has stocked \$3900 so far in the southern fisheries, realizing \$1800 on the first trip.

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Where Maine Stands.

Someone who has a fondness for figures has been delving into the statistics of Maine's fisheries, and announces that the state ranks second among the New England states and seventh among all the states, and that the investment of capital therein approximates \$10,000,000.

Will Have Halibut Catcher.

S. S. Lindstrom, cashier of the Scandinavian American Bank of Seattle, and others have formed a syndicate and will build and operate a large halibut schooner.

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STEAM TRAWLER HAS A GOOD PRIZE

Bound for Boston

With Abandoned

Three Master in Tow.

The steam trawler Spray, Capt. Richard Tobin, picked up a valuable prize yesterday afternoon when she fell in with the three-masted schooner Henry Tilton, lumber laden, which had been abandoned during a gale.

The Tilton was leaking considerably her sails torn and bore unmistakable evidences that she had suffered from the northwest blow which continued

for 52 hours. Not a sign of life was on board, her captain and crew having taken to a boat and abandoned her. The craft was about 95 miles southeast of Highland light at the time, drifting helplessly about.

Capt. Tobin was sighted by Capt. Herbert Green of the steam trawler Swell, which arrived at T wharf this morning and brought the news.

The Spray it is figured should reach harbor today with her tow.

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They Mean Business.

A shipment of \$100,000 worth of machinery arrived at Vancouver from England recently and was forwarded to Aliford Bay, Skidegate Inlet, where it will be used in completing the million dollar fishing plant of the British Columbia Fisheries Co. at that place. The New England Fish Co. intends fishing with four boats out of Prince Rupert British Columbia, next season. Several new vessels have been contracted for, and a number of old sealing vessels have been purchased also.

Gill Netter Got Adrift.

The gill netting steamer Sunflower, drifted from her wharf at Rocky Neck, Saturday evening and came ashore at Smith's Cove, near Fenton's boat yard. The craft was noticed by Freeman Haughn who telephoned to the police station and notified the owners. The craft was made fast at the cove over night and yesterday morning towed back to her wharf.

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Another Porgie Steamer.

The Portland Company has contracted to build another porgie steamer for H. C. Sickler and T. C. Meadows of New York, which is to cost \$95,000 and will be the largest boat of the kind on the Atlantic coast. The hull will be built by the Cobb-Butler Company of Rockland, Maine, and is to be delivered at the Portland Company by May 15. The new steamer will measure 176 feet in length, 26.6 feet beam, 129 feet deep, and her engines will be 900 horse power.

Sails Blown Away.

Sch. Gov. Foss, Capt. Fred Thompson, arrived at Liverpool, N. S., Friday, with nearly all her sails gone in a gale off that port. The craft will make repairs before resuming her trip.

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GIFT TO MAINE SENATORS.

Dogfish Models Reminders of Proposed Legislation.

Charles F. Johnson and Obadiah Gardner, United States senators from Maine, will be the recipients of unique Christmas gifts from C. E. Davis of Portland, who has been active in behalf of the extermination of the dogfish. Each of the Senators will receive a fine wooden model of a dogfish inscribed on one side "Teddy Shark," while on the other side will be other interesting reading. Senator Johnson—or Senator Gardner—may read statistics relative to the ravages of the canine of the seas, and the other Senator will find a letter from a dogfish, asking that the bill providing a bounty of the critters be killed. The models are nicely stained and are equipped for key racks.

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BAD WEATHER AND NO FROST

Such Is Latest Report From Vessels on Treaty Coast.

Advices from Bonne Bay and the Bay of Islands, Newfoundland, states that the weather continued bad there Saturday and yesterday, although there is no sign of frost yet in sight.

All the crafts that went for salt herring in bulk have secured their fares, while those after frozen fares are now only awaiting a frost in order to freeze their fish before starting for home.

No Sardine Catch on Coast of France.

There has been no sardine catch this year on the coast of France, and the catch on the Spanish and Portuguese coasts were so slight only millionaires will be able to eat sardines when the present stock is gobbled up.

The people of French Brittany that depend on the sardine catch for their livelihood are facing a famine, and being slow and backward in every respect, the outlook is very bad for them. The average Brittany sardine fisher sells his catch for from 600 to 800 francs. One hundred and sixty dollars a year is about all he earns, while his wife and daughters may bring in \$50 or more, earned in packing houses.

The sardines first began to avoid the French coast 10 years ago, the catches growing gradually less. This year nearly all the factories had to shut down because there are no fish. Only 30 fishing smacks out of 200 gathered a half-way decent amount, less than 400,000 sardines.

Brittany fishers are most unprogressive and will not go out far from shore. Their boats and nets are not up-to-date and the average family, 10 heads strong, seldom earned more than \$200 a year even when the catches were good.

As there are no sardines, sprats have gone up in price. They bring about \$1.20 per 1000 now, and are pretty plentiful this year.

Speaks of Station Here.

Speaking of the United States government's effort to prevent the depletion of the fisheries of the Atlantic Coast, Frederick J. Haskin, in a recent article, says:

"A most important feature of this work has been in connection with the cod fisheries along the New England coast. One of the most important of the United States fisheries stations is located at Gloucester. Here are hatched millions of fish eggs each year. When the cod fishermen go out in their boats, sometimes for a trip of seven weeks, they carry with them the apparatus provided by the government for the preservation and the fertilization of the eggs taken from fish. In this way the young fish or fry are raised to supplement those that are hatched in the natural manner. It is claimed that a much larger percentage of the eggs are hatched artificially than in the natural state, as they are kept undisturbed, and the conditions are better. For the securing of these eggs a man hired by the government goes upon the vessels in New England and collects them. In other parts of the country they are frequently brought in to the hatcheries by the fishermen and in some instances are sold to the government."

Pensacola Arrivals.

Ten smacks arrived last week at Pensacola, but those that did had good trips from Campechy banks, where all the smacks fish in the winter time. The arrivals were. For E. E. Sanders Company—Nautilus, 2,100 snappers; Ida S. Brooks, 19,160 snappers, 9,210 groupers; Angelina, 10,900 snappers, 3,530 groupers; Louise F. Harper, 28,450 snappers, 7,725 groupers; Thomas J. Carroll, 19,600 snappers, 14,000 groupers; Albert Geiger, 17,075 snappers, 2,205 groupers. For Warren Company—Mary B. Greer, 26,600 snappers, 4,700 groupers.

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Halibut Some Scarce.

The situation in halibut is a serious one, for it is impossible to fill orders, says the Fishing Gazette editorial. One broker, in Chicago, has orders for several cars he can't fill, and unless the situation is relieved there will be little doing until spring. The strike, etc., and laying up fishing crafts is the excuse from the coast for the shortage. It may be manipulation.

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HIGH HALIBUT PRICE REACHED

**Small Lot From Sch. Galatea
Sold at 38 1-2 Cents
Per Pound.**

Receipts of fresh fish were light at T wharf, Boston, this morning, one off shore and eight shore crafts constituting the fleet of arrivals since yesterday.

The steam trawler Ripple had 51,000 pounds of haddock, while the shore boats had less than 30,000 weight of market fish, which sold at a good price.

Haddock was quoted at \$4 to \$6 a hundred pounds, large cod \$7 to \$7.50; market cod, \$3 to \$3.50; hake, \$4 to \$6, pollock, \$1.50 and cusk, \$2.80.

A small lot of halibut landed by sch. Galatea sold at 38 1-2 cents a pound, the highest price paid this year.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 2000 haddock, 3000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., 1000 haddock, 300 cod, 600 hake.

Sch. Flavilla.

Sch. W. M. Goodspeed, 1500 haddock, 800 hake.

Sch. Galatea, 3000 haddock, 900 cod, 100 hake, 800 cusk, 1400 pollock, 100 halibut.

Sch. William H. Clements, 1200 cod. Str. Ripple, 51,000 haddock, 300 cod. Sch. Mary Edith, 1500 haddock, 4300 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Mettacommet 4000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 hake.

Haddock, \$4 to \$6 per cwt.; large cod, \$7 to \$7.50; market cod, \$3 to \$3.50; hake, \$4 to \$6; pollock, \$1.50; cusk, \$2.80; halibut, 38 1/2 c for white and gray.

Fulton Fish Market Notes.

The market was fairly well supplied with green fish last week; in most cases stock being lower in price than the preceding week. Buying was active, particularly so on low-priced varieties. Fancy fish commanded high prices and was quickly disposed of as the supply was light.

There are some Eastern chicken halibut in the market on Thursday. Chesbro Bros. had it. Sales were made at 25 to 30 cents per pound.

Western white halibut was not very plentiful, and good prices maintained during the entire week. From Tuesday on sales were made at 16 cents per pound. On the first two days of the week the quotation was 16 to 18c per pound.

All varieties of ground fish could be had for little money.

Steak cod brought 8 to 10 cents per pound during the fore part of the week. On Thursday it sold at 8 cents, and the same quotation held good yesterday.

Market cod was 4 to 5 cents during the first two.

Pollock was quoted at 5 cents per pound on Friday. During the three preceding days the quotation was 3 1-2c. Sales on Saturday and Monday were made at 4c per pound.

Plan for 100 Steam Trawlers.

It is intended to employ about 100 trawlers on the Canadian Pacific Coast, the most of which have still to be built. As the result of an agreement just concluded between the Attorney-General of British Columbia and the Dominion Minister of Marine and Fisheries white fishermen are to be granted a preference and special concessions.

Talk of Fishing License.

The commissioners of inland fisheries of Maine are contemplating recommending the passing of a law requiring non-residents to take out a fishing license. This is in line with what 11 other states chiefly in the west have done.

Foreign Mackerel Market.

The foreign mackerel market is easier for the time being in both Norways and Irish, except for No. 1 Norways, which seem quite firm, the Fishing Gazette reports. The total pack of Norwegian and Swedish is now put at from 65,000 to 70,000 barrels, and the fishings are closed for the season.

GILL-NETTERS STILL DOING IT

More Good Catches in Yesterday and Pollock Went to Splitters.

The only fresh fish arrival here this morning was sch. Laverna, down from Boston which brought 20,000 pounds of fresh fish left over from yesterday's market which sold to split.

The gill netters had another good day yesterday, but on account of the continued low prices on pollock, only a few of the trips sold fresh, while the remainder sold at splitter's prices.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Laverna, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Alice, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 13,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 2200 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 14,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 2600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Philomena, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hugo, gill netting, 11,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 9500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ethel, gill netting, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Geisha, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Harold, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mystery, gill netting, 12,125 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. R. J. Kellick, gill netting, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bessie M. Dugan, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 14,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mary B. Ruth, gill netting, 6500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Venture, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mary L., gill netting, 5100 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Lorena, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Little Fannie, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Olivia Sears, shore 1100 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Laura Enos, shore, 700 lbs. fresh fish.

No Sailings.

There were no sailings from this port this morning.

Vessels Sailed Monday.

Sch. Frances J. O'Hara, Jr., had-docking.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, had-docking.

Sch. Mary F. Sears, haddocking.

Sch. Manomet, haddocking.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$2.75.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.50 per cwt.; medium, \$4.62 1-2 snappers, \$3.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large \$4.50; mediums, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.

Dory handlining codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.12 1-2; snappers, \$3.50.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.

Drift codfish, large, \$4.25; mediums, \$3.62 1-2.

Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Large salt mackerel, \$25 per bbl. Fletched halibut, 10c per lb. Salt herring, \$3.50 per bbl. Pickled herring, \$4.50 per bbl.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.10; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.15; mediums, \$1.80; snappers, 75c.

All codfish not gilled 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.15.

Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 80c; round 90c.

Bank halibut, 17c lb. for white and for gray.

Fresh herring, \$1 per bbl. to salt; \$2 per bbl. for bait.

Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.75 per cwt.

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NEWS FOR THE LAKE FISHERS

Fishermen of Sister Bay, Wis., who have had nets planted in the bay this fall report the catch as being very light. The fishing season of 1912 established a record for whitefish and herring catches. E. J. McAlpine, general manager of the Buckeye Fish company, Cleveland, says that in the last week in November the tugs of his company brought in 128,000 pounds of fish in a single catch, but that the Huron River froze over, and a few calm nights and the lake would have a coating of ice on it. At present there is a shortage of fish in the freezers, except whitefish, but these are very fine stock, and will move very readily. Pike will be at a premium this winter, as the supply is limited.

Several fishermen at Vermillion had nets in the lake up until recently but the Game Warden notified them to pull out at once. The gill net tugs have been allowed to fish after the first of December. The superintendent of the hatchery at Put in Bay, Mr. Miller, putting spawners aboard of tugs to gather the spawn, as there had not been enough spawn collected up to December 1st to fill the hatchery.

Old fishermen account for the poor fall for the reason that the prevailing winds were south and southwest.

The gas boat Loafer, gill nets and all equipment was sold the other day for \$400. The owner, a Greek, had to return to Greece and report to the army or forfeit the property he has in that country. Consequently he had to make a sale at most any price.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 10.—While the season has practically closed at this port, there is still a large supply of fresh-caught Lake Erie herring and a moderate catch of blue pike, apparently sufficient to meet the demands of the market, though a good deal of frozen stock is being shipped daily to the regular trade.

The Cleveland boats transferred to Ashtabula, Ohio, for the fall fishing report nothing but loss. Fresh winds to moderate gales prevented boats from getting their nets for several days, and when they did get them the wine was so full of fish as to drop pieces in the handling, showing a consequent loss of twine and catch. The report from Erie, Pa. is somewhat better, though the weather, as regards wind, has been against the industry at that point also. There now seems to be no chance of getting any and the frozen stock will surely bring blue pikes out of Lake Erie this fall, full value.

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Want Advance of a Half Cent.

The halibut fishermen of Puget Sound have come out on strike demanding an advance of one-half cent per pound. Halibut fishermen on steamers, are at present getting a cent a pound, which has been the price for a number of years. The employers say that aside from paying the fishermen a cent a pound for halibut, they furnish them with food, bait, dories, eggs, gear and everything they need to conduct their fishing operations. They say fishermen on halibut steamers average from \$1,000 to \$12,000 a year, which, they say, is all they can afford to pay.

YOUNG LOBSTERS FREED.

Two Million Distributed at Places on New Hampshire Coast.

One hundred eighty-three thousand small lobster have been hatched and distributed along the New Hampshire and Maine coast during the last fiscal year. In connection with this work of the government fish hatchery, 6,000,000 cod, nearly 12,000,000 haddock and 490,000,000 flounders have been turned loose.

The young lobsters were hatched from eggs stripped from 13,853 seed lobsters collected in 1911 and hatched at the Boothbay Harbor hatchery.

During the season there have been collected nearly 16,000 seed lobsters. These are now held in pound in John's bay, near the Boothbay Harbor hatchery. It is estimated that they will supply more than 200,000,000 fry for distribution in 1913.

The distribution of young lobsters in local waters were as follows: 2,000,000 of fry at each of the following points: Cape Porpoise harbor; Kennebunkport harbor, Wells bay, Wells; Perkins cove, Kittery; Hampton harbor; Hampton; Isle of Shoals harbor; 6,000,000 at Wood Island at the mouth of the river and 5,000,000 at Biddeford Pool.

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Mammoth Lobster.

A lobster 36 inches long and weighing 32 pounds is being mounted for the United States Institute at Washington, D. C., by Clarence E. Brown, of Beverly. The lobster, which came from Vinalhaven, Me., is considered one of the finest specimens ever found on the Atlantic coast.

Poor Outlook at Eastport.

The frozen herring buyers at Eastport are becoming discouraged at the outlook this season. Both large and small fish have been unusually scarce this fall, and the business does not compare favorably with that done at this time last year.

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HOME IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

**Herring Crafts Reached Here
Yesterday Report Storm
Not Unusually Severe.**

The storm of Tuesday was one of unusual severity all along the coast and Gloucester suffered with the rest of the coast places. Fortunately crafts arriving from offshore report though it was severe this side of Cape Sable, still it was not of a severity to cause alarm for the safety of any fishing craft. A number arrived here this morning and yesterday.

The storm caught many crafts in the Bay of Fundy and some of them pretty well over this side. There was a blinding fall of snow and high wind. All met it with shortened sail and ran off before it until the long log told them it was not prudent to run any closer on the land, then headed off and jogged until the snow ceased. When as the wind abated, sail was made and the voyage to the home port taken up, several crafts making port here yesterday, in time for skippers and crews to have their Christmas dinners ashore.

Four of the Newfoundland fleet, three with herring and one a cargo of salt cod arrived here yesterday and during the night. All reported the gale severe outside, but came through it without any damage.

Sch. Bohemia, Capt. Ormsby Seeley, arrived yesterday from Bonne Bay, making the passage in 10 days. Capt. Seeley struck the storm off here Tuesday, which was accompanied by a stiff breeze from the northeast, and a thick blinding snow. The vessel was hove to, 35 miles off the land and rode through safely without a scratch.

The other crafts of the fleet weathered the gale, and came along comfortably through the storm.